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Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials
Safety Administration

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**COMPETENT AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION FOR A
TYPE B(U)**

**RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS PACKAGE DESIGN
CERTIFICATE USA/6306/B(U) , REVISION 20**

**REVALIDATION OF CANADIAN COMPETENT AUTHORITY
CERTIFICATE CDN/2012/B(U)**

The Competent Authority of the United States certifies that the radioactive material package design described in this certificate satisfies the regulatory requirements for a Type B(U) package as prescribed in the regulations of the International Atomic Energy Agency¹ and the United States of America² The package design is approved for use within the United States for import and export shipments made in accordance with applicable international and domestic transport regulations.

1. Package Identification - F-168 Shipping Flask, Serial Nos. 20, 21, 28, 31, 32, 33, 36, 38, 39, 42 to 52 inclusive.
2. Package Description and Authorized Radioactive Contents - as described in Canadian Certificate of Competent Authority CDN/2012/B(U), 26 (attached).
3. General Conditions -
 - a. Each user of this certificate must have in his possession a copy of this certificate and all documents necessary to properly prepare the package for transportation. The user shall prepare the package for shipment in accordance with the documentation and applicable regulations.
 - b. Each user of this certificate, other than the original petitioner, shall register his identity in writing to the Office of Engineering and Research, (PHH-23), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington D.C. 20590-0001.

¹ "Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material, 2012 Edition, No. SSR-6" published by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna, Austria.

² Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 100-199, United States of America.

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- c. This certificate does not relieve any consignor or carrier from compliance with any requirement of the Government of any country through or into which the package is to be transported.
 - d. Records of Management System activities required by Paragraph 306 of the IAEA regulations¹ shall be maintained and made available to the authorized officials for at least three years after the last shipment authorized by this certificate. Consignors in the United States exporting shipments under this certificate shall satisfy the applicable requirements of Subpart H of 10 CFR 71.
4. Marking and Labeling - The package shall bear the marking USA/6306/B(U) in addition to other required markings and labeling.
5. Special Condition -
- a. This package is approved as meeting the requirements of the 1973 Edition of the IAEA regulations. Fabrication of new packagings is not authorized. The package design has not been evaluated against the requirements of the 2018 Edition of the IAEA regulations.
 - b. All users of this certificate are required to make pre-shipment notification a minimum of 7 days prior to shipment. Notification is to be submitted via email to ramcert@dot.gov or rick.boyle@dot.gov and shall include scheduled date of shipment, contents of the packaging, and name and location of both consignor and consignee.
6. Expiration Date - This certificate expires on March 31, 2030. Previous editions which have not reached their expiration date may continue to be used.

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This certificate is issued in accordance with paragraph(s) 820 of the IAEA Regulations and Section 173.473 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, in response to the March 3, 2025 petition by Nordion (Canada) Inc., Ottawa, Ontario, and in consideration of other information on file in this Office.

Certified By:



William Schoonover
Associate Administrator for Hazardous
Materials Safety

March 21, 2025
(DATE)

Revision 20 - Issued to incorporate Canadian Certificate for Transport Package Design CDN/2012/B(U), Revision 26, which extends the expiration date.



Certificate

CDN/2012/B(U) (Rev. 26)

Transport Package Design

The transport package design identified below is certified by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission pursuant to paragraph 21(1)(h) of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act* and Subsection 10(1) of the *Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations*, 2015 and to the 1973 Revised Edition (as amended) of the IAEA's *Regulations for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Material*.

REGISTRATION OF USE OF PACKAGES

All users of this authorization shall register their identity in writing with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission prior to the first use of this authorization and shall certify that they possess the instructions necessary for preparation of the package for shipment.

PACKAGE IDENTIFICATION

Designer: **Nordion (Canada) Inc.**

Make/Model: **F-168 Shipping Flask, Serial Nos. 20, 21, 28, 31, 32, 33, 36, 38, 39, 42 to 52 inclusive.**

Mode of Transport: **Air, Sea, Road, Rail**

IDENTIFICATION MARK

The package shall bear the competent authority identification mark "**CDN/2012/B(U)**".

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION

The F-168 packaging, as shown on Nordion Drawing Nos. F116801-001 (Rev. X) and F116801-020 (Rev. H), consists of a lead-filled (266 mm lead shielding) steel encased right cylinder with external fins, insulated steel flame shields on the top and side, steel covered insulation on the bottom and an optional heat screen on the top. The package is permanently mounted on a structural steel base. The containment system is the source assembly.

An illustration of the package is shown on attached Drawing No. F-168 (IN/SS 1192 F168) (Rev. 32).

Any modification to the package design must be submitted to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission for approval prior to implementation.



The configuration of the package is as follows:

Shape:	Cylinder	Shielding:	Lead
Mass:	5445 kg	Outer Casing:	Steel
Length:	1372 mm	Height:	1659 mm
Width:	1372 mm	Diameter:	1013 mm

AUTHORIZED RADIOACTIVE CONTENTS

See Appendix A

MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The management system for the design, manufacture, testing, documentation, use, maintenance and inspection of the package shall be in accordance with:

- Nordion document entitled "MDS Nordion No. IN/QA 0224 Z000 (12)*, Radioactive Material Transport Package Quality Plan"
- Nordion document entitled "MDS Nordion No. IN/OP 0019 Z000 (14)*, Radioactive Material Transport Packaging Inspection and Maintenance Procedure"
- Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations, 2015
- * or latest current revision

SHIPMENT

The preparation for shipment of the package shall be in accordance with:

- Nordion document entitled "MDS Nordion No. IN/PP 0517 F168 (18), Preparation for Shipment of the F-168 and F-168-X Transport Packagings"
- Packaging and Transport of Nuclear Substances Regulations, 2015

The transport of Cobalt 60 by air is limited to a maximum of 1200 TBq to meet the 3000 A₂ value specified in paragraph 433 and the temperature requirements specified in paragraph 619 of the 2012 Edition of the IAEA Regulations.

For heat fluxes exceeding 15 W/m², supplementary arrangements must be made with the carrier to ensure adequate heat dissipation.

This certificate does not relieve the consignor from compliance with any requirement of the government of any country through or into which the package will be transported.

I. Tremblay
Designated Officer pursuant to paragraph 37(2)(a)
of the Nuclear Safety and Control Act



Appendix A

Radionuclide	Max. Quantity TBq (curies)	Form	Max. Decay Heat (watts)	Encapsulation
Cobalt-60	7,400 (200,000)	metal pellets, metal wafers, metal slugs, stainless steel clad wire, aluminum clad cobalt slugs	3,200	C132, C133, C146, C151, C177, C185, C188, C189, C190, C198, C199, C200, C238, TC239, C246, C247, C248, C252, C306, C335, XC318, XC325, RSL2089, R2089
Cobalt-60	2,590 (70,000)	metal slug aluminum sheathed	1,070	C-350 in F359 carrier
Cobalt-60	5,550 (150,000)	metal slug nickel plated	2,320	C351 in F179 carrier with central position empty
Antimony-124	1,850 (50,000)	cast metal	660	C232
Cesium-137	3,700 (100,000)	cesium chloride	522	Special form radioactive material with double encapsulation in stainless steel

Combination loading of the above materials is authorized provided that the sum of the ratios of loaded activity to authorized activity, for all material loaded, does not exceed one.



NOTES

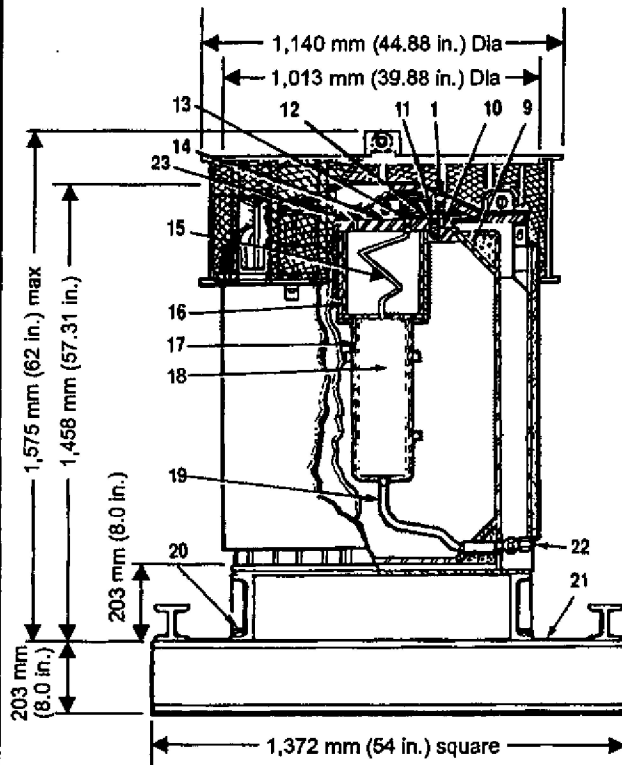
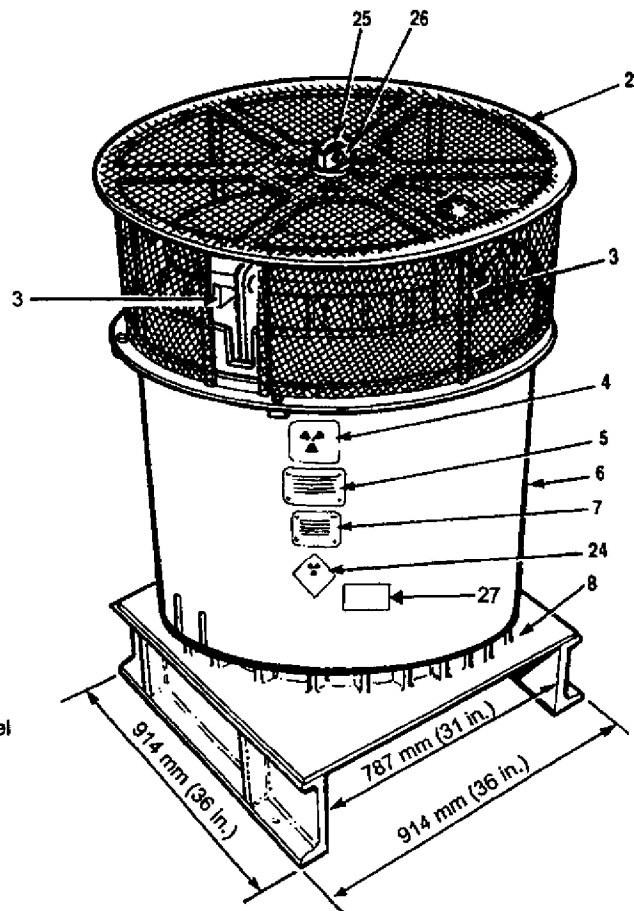
Revision 24: December 2, 2015. Certificate renewed.

Revision 25: January 22, 2020. Certificate renewed.

Revision 26: February 28, 2025. Certificat renewed.

Perts List

1. Upper Fireshield
2. Heat Screen
3. Retaining Brackets (4) for Upper Fireshield
4. Radiation Caution Plate (2)
5. MDS Nordion Identification Plate (2)
6. Fireshield (Removable) Laminated Construction:
2 x 6.3 mm (0.25 in.) Steel + 25.4 mm (1 in.) Kaowool
O.D. 1,013 mm (39.88 in.)
7. Warning Plate "CAUTION - HEAT EMITTER - DO NOT STORE
IN INSULATED OR REFRIGERATION CONTAINER OR
INSULATED SPACE" (2)
8. Transite - Steel Encased
9. Vermiculite Packing
10. Gesket (Neoprene)
11. 7/8 -9 x 2 in. long Hex Bolt (8)
12. Wire Seal
13. 3/8 in. NPT Pipe Plug (2)
14. Plug Lift Lug
15. Vent Tube
16. Plug
17. Cavity: 479 mm x 162 mm Dia. (18.87 in. x 6.37 in. Dia.)
18. Radioactive Contents and Carrier
19. Drain Tube
20. 3/4 -10 x 2 in. Hex Bolt for Skid (4)
21. Removable Shipping Skid, 1,370 mm (54 in.) square
22. Nipple and Drainline Cap
23. Shield Plate with 3/8 -16 Screws (3)
24. Category Label (2): on two opposite sides
25. Eye Bolt
26. Eye Bolt Cover
27. UN Number Label (2): one next to each radioactive category label



Notes

1. CNSC Certificate CDN/2012/B(U)
2. Meets IAEA Type B(U) Requirements
3. Steel encased lead shielding: 266 mm (10.5 in.)
4. Gross Weight: 5,445 kg (12,000 lb.)
5. Plug Weight: 177 kg (390 lb.)
6. Projected Floor Loading: 2,900 kg/m² (593 lb./ft.²)
7. Radionuclides carried:
 1. Cobalt-60
 2. Antimony-124
 3. Cesium-137
8. Labels may be positioned as illustrated, or 45° to that shown
9. Heat screen used only for air and non-exclusive use shipments

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TITLE

F-168 Transport Package

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DATE	November 1965	No.	F-168
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